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Dr. Jerry Pell
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability, OE-20,
U.S. Dept of Energy
Washington D.C, DC 20585

Subject: Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission Line Project
SCH#: 2010094007

Dear Dr. Jerry Pell:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Draft EIS to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on October 29, 2010, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures
cc: Resources Agency

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2010094007
Project Title Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission Line Project
Lead Agency U.S. Department of Energy

Type EIS Draft EIS
Description The DOE proposed Federal action is the granting of a Presidential permit to Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC, for the construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of either a 230-kilvolt (kV) or a 500-kV electric transmission line that would cross the U.S.-Mexico border in the vicinity of Jucumba, California, in eastern San Diego County. The proposed line would be constructed on either lattice towers or steel monopoles. The interconnection for the transmission line to the U.S. transmission grid system to the existing Southwest Powerlink would be provided by SDG&E at its proposed Eco Substation switchyard facility.

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Project Location

County San Diego
City
Region
Lat / Long 32° 37' 16.50" N / 116° 07' 05.26" W
Cross Streets Old Highway 80
Parcel No. 661-090-04, 661-050-04
Township **Range** **Section** **Base**

Proximity to:

Highways Old Hwy 80, I-8
Airports no
Railways no
Waterways Carrizo Creek
Schools no
Land Use Undeveloped open space/General Rural (S92)/Multiple Rural Use

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Geologic/Seismic; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Landuse; Cumulative Effects

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Colorado River Board; Department of Conservation; Department of Fish and Game, Region 5; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 11; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 7; Department of Toxic Substances Control; California Energy Commission; Native American Heritage Commission; Public Utilities Commission; State Lands Commission

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